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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D. T. E. 00-73 October 23, 2000

COLONIAL GAS COMPANY

Petition of Colonial Gas Company for the recovery of lost-based revenue associated with its demand-side management programs for the period May 1999 through April 2000.

On September 15, 2000, Colonial Gas Company ("Company") filed a petition ("Petition") with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") proposing the recovery of lost margins associated with its demand-side management ("DSM") programs for the period May 1999 through April 2000. In addition, the Department will review the Company's request to recover certain lost margins as an exogenous cost adjustment to the rate freeze approved in Eastern/Colonial Acquisition, D. T. E. 98-128 (1999). Copies of the Company's proposal are on file at the Department and may be examined during regular business hours. The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Petition and a procedural conference at the following time and location:

10:00 a.m. November 16, 2000

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

One South Station, Second Floor

Boston, MA 02110

Any person seeking to intervene or participate in this investigation must file an original and five copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in this proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on November 9, 2000 with:

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

RE: D.T.E. 00-73

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

One South Station, 2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02110

and one copy with the Company's attorney:

Cheryl M. Kimball

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21 Custom House Street
Boston, MA 02110

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, including a description of the manner in which the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01 (4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 (1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Any person desiring information concerning intervention or participation in this case or desiring further information regarding this notice should contact: Marcela Hickey, Hearing Officer, at (617) 305-3500.

Colonial Gas Company shall, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to November 16, 2000 give notice of said hearing by publication hereof in the Boston Globe, the Cape Cod Times, and the Lowell Sun, serve a copy of the notice on the Chairmen, Board of Selectmen, Mayors, Town Clerks and City Clerks of the cities and towns in the Company's service area, post a copy of the notice in each city or town hall in the Company's service area until the intervention deadline has expired, provide actual notice to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company, and provide a copy of this notice to all intervenors in the Company's most recent DSM proceeding. Colonial Gas is required to make return of service and proof of publication on or before November 16, 2000, certifying compliance with this Order.

Copies of all documents that are filed with the Department in this proceeding, including letters, pleadings and briefs, but excluding discovery, must also be provided electronically, by one of two means: (a) e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us using a WordPerfect compatible format (version 5.2 through 8.0), naming the document file with a .wpd suffix or using Microsoft Word 95 or 97 and identifying in the e-mail the case caption, docket number, party and title of document; or (b) on a 3.5" diskette, IBM-compatible format, using a file format compatible with WordPerfect (version 5.2 through 8.0), again identifying on the

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diskette the case caption, docket number, party and title of pleading. In either case, the electronic filing should include the name, title and phone number of a contact in the event of questions.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY